

Cat Tax Tossed Out, City to Raise Pet Limit in Law

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Tuesday, June 9, is the date of the Primary Election, for which 36,000 Torrance citizens are eligible to vote. The Torrance Press endorses the above candidates for partisan offices. Victors in the Primary Election will compete in these offices in the General Election in November. The Torrance Press feels that the candidates which it endorses are amply qualified for these important posts.

Torrance Home Owners Face Huge Tax Increase

Assessor Review Sought

Warning that Torrance property owners face a crushing hike in their tax bills and that prompt action is needed to counter the trend, was issued by Mayor Albert Isen Tuesday.

"I have learned that the southern and western sections of the city have been singled out for big tax increases. If the owners are not advised about it, they won't know it until they get their tax bills in November," the mayor said.

He explained that he has learned through a reliable source that assessments have been raised in an area circling the Del Amo Shopping Center, and some real estate has been raised as much as \$80 and 800 per cent.

Southwood Homes

Isen claims that residents of Southwood face a 30 to 50 per cent increase in their assessments on real estate.

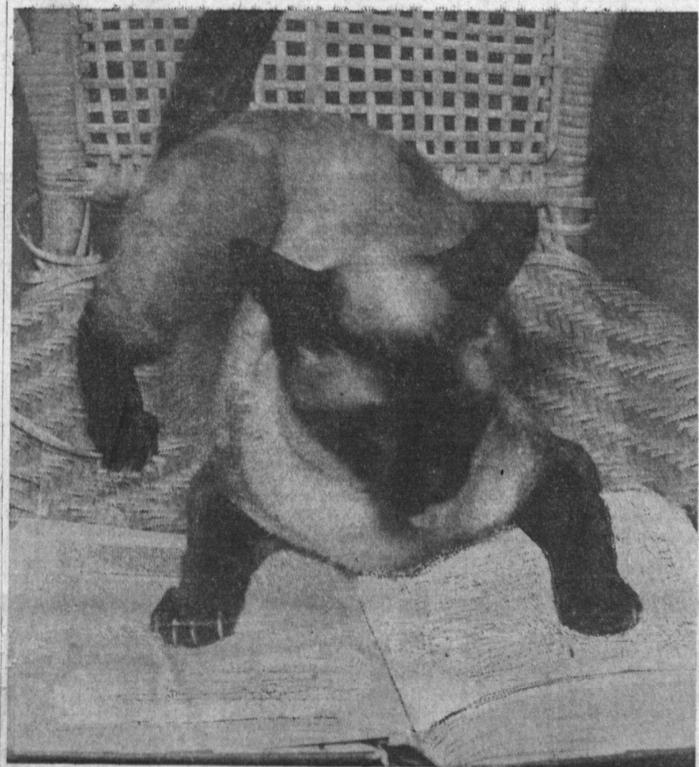
He produced a list of properties on Hawthorne, Torrance and Sepulveda blvds., which indicate a substantial hike.

Isen said that the increases have also been passed on to residential sections in the area of the Del Amo Shopping Center and questioned the fairness of the boosts.

Backs Isen

Councilman Nicholas O. Drake backed up the mayor, saying he was informed that Torrance and Vernon were singled out for assessment hikes this year and called it "discriminatory."

Although Councilman Robert Jahn insisted that the raises might not be the fault of the assessor, but of the Board of Supervisors, the council instructed Isen to send an inquiry to Assessor John Quinn to find out if the values had been raised and how it will affect residences in the neighborhood of the shopping center.



NOW SEE HERE—"This law is for the birds, but certainly not for us cats," muses this Siamese as she paws through a legal tome to determine feline rights. The council, prodded by cat lovers, decided to retreat from a law licensing cats, and will rewrite the ordinance to make it more acceptable to pet owners.

Press photo by Milt Svensk

Clear Neal on Plane Parking

Airport Commissioner Neal received a vote of confidence from all but one councilman Tuesday after he denied getting a "free ride" for parking his airplane at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Neal, subject of a quickie probe to determine if city officials received free tie-down privileges at the airport, told the Council that his plane is leased to Vegas Airways, which holds a lease at the airport.

Dave Stewart, president of the air firm, admitted that his employees might have mistakenly parked the plane on a portion of the airport not leased by his concern, but expressed willingness to pay for tie-down rental for two months.

Stewart said that Neal's plane is used for acrobatic flight rental and insisted that if the plane was parked on city property, the city also had received the benefit of having the grass mowed by his men.

The Council ordered Vegas to pay the \$20 in rental fees.

The Council gave Neal a vote of confidence, after Councilman Willys Blount, who had originated the question, said that "I suggest there might be dual interest here."

Torrance Man Sails Ketch Home from Denmark

A Torrance engineer was back on his job in an aircraft plant today after he and a companion sailed a 37-foot ketch all the way from Denmark to Long Beach in just under a year.

Robert Skipper, 36, of 4145 W. 173rd place, and Fred Zuehl, 25, of Los Angeles arrived Monday after their 15,000 mile voyage.

The pair bought the vessel in Copenhagen and sailed home by way of England, Portugal, North Africa, Venezuela and through the Panama Canal.

Crossing the Atlantic, the ketch was under sail most of the time, but in the Pacific the two-man crew had to use their engine.

Clothing Sale Made Easy with Torrance Press Ad

Mrs. E. R. Neprud didn't have to wait long to sell a formal dress and sub-teen clothing after she enlisted the aid of the Torrance Press.

The resident of 25903 Cypress ave., Lomita, said that she was able to sell the clothing to the second party which called to inquire about her classified ad.

Quick results can be yours, too, if you have something to sell, buy or rent. Just call up a friendly ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345, and she will help you obtain fast results.

Attorneys Back Younger for Bench

Mayor Albert Isen and Attorney Russell L. Peaches are co-chairmen of a committee to elect Evelle J. Younger to the Superior Court in the June 3 primary election.

Other Torrance area attorneys on the committee are John P. Foley, Joseph P. Bay, Eda B. Van Griethuysen, George Kurtz, Irvin Lessin and Kenneth M. Garcelon.

More Discipline Around the House Urged by Juvenile Bureau Head

More discipline in the home, started at an early age, will prevent much juvenile delinquency among teenagers.

This was the recommendation made to fathers and mothers by L. D. C. Cook, head of the Torrance police juvenile bureau as he returned from the International Juvenile Officers Conference held last week in Milwaukee.

"I get the feeling that if the wood shed were still in back of every American home, most delinquency cases could be settled out of court," Cook said.

While he formed the conclusion that California is ahead of most American states in the handling of juvenile trouble-makers, he said that delegates from other countries said they had fewer problems of disrespect since the father's authority usually prevails in the house.

Cook said that discipline should be administered at an earlier age and not after the youngsters reach the age when a spanking does not have much effect.

"The parent who loves his children, abandons them if they do not give them enough discipline," he asserted.

Council Shelves Animal Law for More Revisions

The City Council Tuesday night bowed before a huge crowd of animal lovers and sent the controversial cat licensing ordinance back for rewriting and elimination of several restrictive features.

The new law, which is still expected to receive some opposition, will eliminate the license fee provision and presumably raise the number of cats which can be owned by one family from two to three or four.

There were also indications that persons who have had several cats for some time, may be granted special permits to exceed the number of pets to be permitted in the new ordinance.

Waste Basket

Councilmen Nicholas Drake and Willys Blount indicated clear-cut opposition to any legislation when the former urged that the proposed law be "filed in the waste basket."

Mayor Albert Isen, however, suggested that parts of the proposed ordinance be kept. One of these provisions is to prohibit the keeping of wild animals, including cheetahs and ocelots, as well as monkeys in Torrance.

Drake insisted that if the present land use ordinance, which limits the number of pets to two dogs and two cats, is enforced, the city will have adequate control over the animal population.

Asked for Law

On demand of a number of objectors to the cat law, Mrs. Pat McManus of 3510 W. 228th st., told the audience that she had asked for legislation to limit cats.

She said her house and property has been invaded by a huge number of apparently stray cats, who frighten her children.

"When you pay for a home, you hope you don't have to share it with other people's animals, I could have lived in the jungle," she declared.

But cat lovers had some different ideas about the law.

World Move

"I have three cats, one I've had for eight years and the other for nine. We have no family except these pets. I'd sell out before I'd get rid of one," said William E. Bowers, 4709 Avenue C.

Mrs. John Simmons insisted that people should be entitled to keep pets, particularly older peo-

Cyclists Injured in Crash

Two servicemen were hurled for more than 150 feet after their motorcycle collided with an auto at Pacific Coast hwy. and Janet lane over the week end.

James Curtis Dowtin, 33, a Navy submarine crew member of San Diego, driver of the motorcycle, suffered two broken legs, a broken arm and head injuries, police said.

His passenger, Ronald Hillford, 19, a Marine of Manhattan Beach, who was hitchhiking, suffered head injuries. Both were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Nancy Johnson Albright, 43, of 4433 Greenmeadow ave., driver of the auto, received minor injuries, officers said.

In another collision at Western ave. and Torrance blvd., Raymond L. Dietz, 20, of 1644 W. 224th st., was injured after his auto collided with one driven by William Albert Schmalz, 41, of 1224 Harper ave., Redondo Beach, police said.

Another motorcyclist, Michael George Duching, 17, of 1691 Gramercy pl., was taken to Harbor General Hospital Monday afternoon after he collided with an auto driven by Thelma Elaine Ritchie, 32, of 2717 Monterey st., at 218th st. and Cabrillo, officers said.

Bluff Zone Tiff Ended by Council

A lengthy hassle over zoning the bluff property was finally concluded Tuesday when the City Council approved a compromise solution offered by the Don-Ja-Ran Company.

The city will grant the developers a zone change for construction of apartments on the bulk of the seaside lots and permit construction of a hotel at the southern end of the frontage.

The compromise was agreed to several weeks ago in order to prevent a lawsuit which might have reversed the city's decision to zone the property for single-family residences only, after the council disapproved the Don-Ja-Ran building plans.

Robber Captured by Clerk

A clerk and customers of a liquor store at 1669 W. Carson st., captured an elderly bandit during an attempted robbery Sunday night.

Jim Friedrich, 23, a clerk in the store, jumped the counter and wrestled the suspect for his gun, with the assistance of a customer in the store at the time.

Booked on suspicion of robbery by Los Angeles police, was Elsie Meade, 60, described as a floater and ex-convict with a crime career of 38 years.

Detectives said the suspect had a .45 caliber revolver on him and another pistol in a stolen car with which he drove to the store.

During the struggle for the gun, it discharged once, firing a bullet through the counter and smashing a whiskey case.

Detectives said the suspect has served time in nearly all major state prisons, and is a former bank bandit.

He is also wanted by health authorities as an active tubercular.

Closing of Dump Ordered by City

Recommendation to close the city dump to all but city forces as of July 1, and other suggestions to cut costs of municipal rubbish collection were approved by the City Council Tuesday.

The councilmen also backed a recommendation from City Manager George Stevens to file city suits against property owners who are delinquent in paying bills for the city service.

Free Woman in Stabbing of Aircraft Worker Here

A tiny Torrance woman who assertedly plunged a 12-inch butcher knife into a man who broke into her home, was released Tuesday without complaint. The victim of the stabbing, Fred Arden Wright, 30, of Bell Gardens, was still on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital. Mrs. Mary Violet Schumacher, 41, of 1687 Gramercy pl., said that Wright broke down the rear door of her house and attempted to choke her when she grabbed the knife and stabbed him, detectives said.

The red haired aircraft worker who is only 4 feet 11 inches tall, was released from custody after T. B. McNary, deputy district attorney, refused to issue a complaint on grounds the woman acted in self defense.

Her 7-year-old son, Michael, corroborated her account of the incident, as did a neighbor, Floyd Lewis Willis, 33, of 1687 1/2 Gramercy pl., who called police when Wright, also an aircraft worker, broke down the door.

Wright staggered out of the house and into a service station at 1640 Arlington ave., following the stabbing Saturday evening.

Lighting District Sought

Volunteers to circulate petitions for the formation of a lighting district in Allied Gardens under the 1919 Act were requested today to contact Herb Lieberman at FR 5-5804. The chairman of the lighting committee said that the goal of the group is to install steel poles in the area.

SEEK ROSTER INFORMATION

Data for the new Torrance Business Directory is now being compiled by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Any club or organization not listed in the present book is requested to call the chamber at FA 8-2814 in order to be listed.